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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.
Serial No : 08/964,257
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:


The Office Action dated December 23, 1999 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired March 22, 2000.

Since the attached response is being filed within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) please charge our deposit account 13-0410 the appropriate petition fee of \$380.00.

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.